

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on Oct. 18, 2004 and the interview on Feb. 18, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/18/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

I. Examiner's Amendment:

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CAR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Geoffrey T. Staniford on February 18, 2005

Examiner's Amendment

In the claims:

In claim 2, line 2, the phrase "a second image" has been changed to - -the second image--.

In claim 5, line 1, the phrase "to claim 4" has been changed to - -to claim 3--.

In claim 6, line 2, the phrase "such as RAM" has been canceled.

In claim 14, line 3, the phrase "a image" has been changed to - -a first image--.

In claim 14, line 8, the phrase "said detecting means" has been changed to - -said detecting step--.

In claim 14, line 12, the phrase "said detecting means" has been changed to - -said detecting step--.

In claim 15, line 1, the phrase "a second image" has been changed to - -the second image--.

In claim 19, line 2, the phrase "such as RAM" has been canceled.

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In claim 21, line 2, the phrase "said detecting means" has been changed to - - said detecting step--.

In claim 23, line 1, the phrase "said detecting" has been changed to - -said detecting step--.

In the abstract:

In the abstract, line 2, the phrase "means for capturing" has been changed to - - a capturing unit for capturing--.

In the abstract, line 3, the phrase "means for storing" has been changed to - -a storing unit for storing--.

In the abstract, line 3, the phrase "means for detecting" has been changed to - -a detecting unit for detecting--.

In the abstract, line 4, the phrase "means responsive" has been changed to - -a device responsive--.

In the abstract, line 5 (first occurrence), the phrase "detecting means" has been changed to - -detecting unit--.

In the abstract, line 5 (second occurrence), the phrase "detecting means" has been changed to - -detecting unit--.

In the abstract, line 6, the phrase "said location" has been changed to - -location--.

In the abstract, line 6, the phrase "means for deleting" has been changed to - -a deleting unit for deleting--.

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In the abstract, line 6, the phrase "detecting means" has been changed to - - detecting unit--.

In the abstract, line 7, "said location" has been changed to - -location--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh V La whose telephone number is (571) 272-2970. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9:30am to 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffery Hofsass can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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